

KNOCKERS CLUB INITIATES TAFT

Cincinnati Business Men Give Farewell Supper.

CEREMONY IN DARKNESS

President-elect Not Permitted to Speak and Be Represented in Festivities by "Dummy"—Mock Messages From Foreign Rulers and Phenological Reading by Persia's Representative, Afford Mirth and Amusement.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 20.—President-elect Taft was made a Knocker "at night." His initiation furnished entertainment for 100 prominent business and professional men of the city at the Knockers' annual dinner.

Cincinnati's Knocker organization is an auxiliary of its Business Men's club. Its particular business is to knock hard and effectively everything tending to hinder the material advancement of the city, and to originate and promote enterprises and undertakings for the city's welfare. It is unique in that it has no known organization, and no one knows who are its members. It makes members of whom it pleases and dismisses them at will. The annual dinners of the Knockers' club have become famous for their entertainment features and the "stunts," which begin at the first course and continue throughout, are all calculated to have origin in some serious purpose of advancement, although depicted in merriment.

The president-elect was not allowed to make a speech, which was interpreted as a delicate compliment from his townsmen, who were in fact saying farewell to him as a private citizen. As the guest of honor at the dinner, it was his first escape from oratory for 20 years. The tension upon Mr. Taft was made even lighter than freedom from speaking, as a skillfully made-up "double" represented him in the entertainment features, occupying a conspicuous place at a raised table with "Uncle Sam" and "Miss Columbia."

The spacious rooms of the Business Men's club were resplendent in draperies of flags and in decorations of ferns and flowers. At each of the 26 tables sat an appropriately costumed Knocker to represent people of 26 nations, and during the evening a message to the president-to-be was made known from each.

Emperor William's wireless message was announced to Mr. Taft as a kiss for each cheek and the hope that the senate would not find it necessary to reduce the presidential salary before the new president could get in. Miss Columbia got one of the kisses from the enthusiastic German.

With hands upon Mr. Taft's cranium, Persia's representative told the assembled Knockers of thoughts passing through his brain as follows: "He is just now congratulating himself that he was made a Mason at night—and so is the goat; he is now trying to discover some word to use instead of 'de-lighted'; he is wondering whether the Invisible Knox who bosses this bunch can possibly be the ubiquitous senator from Pennsylvania; he wishes he could find a caddy who would not laugh when he makes a drive; he is now recalling the days when he played 'The Sleeping Beauty' at Pike's opera house and was kissed by the 'Prince Charming'."

It was his first kiss—and then he acquired the habit of displaying his gleamy teeth in a seraphic smile; he wonders whether a union cabinet maker ought to work over eight hours a day; he wishes the cabinet would let him write part of that message to congress; he wonders whether if the Philippines had been cannibals he would have penetrated their interior; he resolves in the tariff war to lead the charge up to the very 'Cannon's' mouth."

The ceremony of declaring the guest of honor a Knocker "on sight" was conducted in total darkness, with cracklings of thunder and flashes of lightning, and concluded the festivities at table. The evolution of the Taft smile was afterwards depicted through moving pictures in the assembly hall of the club, through which the scenes of "notification day" were re-enacted. Vaudeville features followed until the hour was late.

Charles Nagle of St. Louis, who is said to be slated for secretary of commerce and labor in the Taft cabinet, had a conference with Mr. Taft, but neither would talk for publication of the report. As this is the first time the two men have been together since cabinet-making was under consideration, it has been assumed that if Mr. Nagle is to be in the cabinet the matter has now been definitely arranged.

Mr. Taft will leave for Philadelphia this afternoon.

Prosecutor Is Threatened.

Yima, O., Feb. 20.—Prosecuting Attorney Benjamin F. Welty received through the mail a Black Hand letter, threatening dire vengeance if he continued his prosecution against "comrades" of the author. The letter is believed to emanate from friends of James Martin, John Henderson and Thomas Dillon, held for the Yoakum farm robbery.

CONSIDER INDICTMENT OF BREATHITT SHERIFF

Judge, Prosecutor and Foreman of Grand Jury Discuss the Matter.

JACKSON, Ky., Feb. 20.—The sheriff of Breathitt county is threatened with indictment on the charge of failing to execute the processes of the Circuit Court. A few days before the convening of court last Monday, Commonwealth's Attorney Kelly Kash, at the suggestion and with the assistance of some of the grand jurors who are both ministers of the gospel and members of the Law and Order League, caused to be issued over five hundred subpoenas for as many citizens to appear before the grand jury for the investigation of the illegal sale of whisky and various other penal offenses.

It developed that quite a number of these subpoenas were not served, the Sheriff claiming that it was not possible for him and his deputies to attend to all the business and the other necessary processes of the court in the limited time afforded him.

A conference between the Commonwealth's Attorney, Judge J. P. Adams and Mr. John M. Snowden, foreman of the grand jury, was held at the Judge's room at his hotel last night at which the above course is said to have been decided on. Sheriff Crawford is the uncle of Matt Crawford, who owns and operates the biggest distillery in Breathitt county. Matt Crawford already has been indicted in sixteen cases by the present grand jury.

The trial of the Commonwealth vs. Thomas Allen and his wife was begun in the Circuit Court here yesterday morning. Mrs. Allen shot and killed Mrs. William Tutt about six weeks ago.

Dr. Tutt, husband of the woman who was killed, is the son of County Judge Steve Tutt, of Wolfe county. It is alleged that Mrs. Allen shot Mrs. Tutt because the latter charged her with being too friendly with her husband, Dr. William Tutt.

The grand jury now in session has returned nearly two hundred indictments.

PERISHED IN FIRE.

Special to The News.

TOWER, Mich., Feb. 20.—Duffy La France and Peter Eno perished in a fire that destroyed the Hotel Finan here.

TWO NAMES OMITTED FROM LIST BY MISTAKE

In Elks' Fair List of Officers Should Have Appeared G. L. Waincott, Director, and T. G. Barrow, Ring Master.

In the list of Fair officers recently published two names were unfortunately omitted, G. L. Waincott, Director, and T. G. Barrow, Ring Master.

These gentlemen are among the most efficient Fair workers and the records show that they were selected. We regret that their names were omitted in the list furnished this office.

OPERA HOUSE.

Manager Dinelli reports that he has several good shows booked for next month. Among others the following are coming:

Lion and Mouse, March 3.
Vogel's Minstrels, March 4.
Stock Company (one week), March 8.
Strongheart, March 18.

THIS HORSE TELLS HIS AGE.

Pet of Fire Department Is a Smart Animal.

Muncie, Ind.—Black Frank, a powerful black horse that is driven to a city patrol wagon that is quartered at No. 1 fire station, has the rudiments of a primary education. He distinguishes between several numbers by pawing a certain number of times in reply to questions; knows and tells his own age by the same method and does many other things of the kind. His keeper was puzzled for a long time to understand how the animal managed to escape from his big box stall at the fire station.

One day he saw Frank reach his head outside the bar and raise up an outside latch that fastened him in. With the bar released, he then walked about the barn at his pleasure. Now it is necessary to protect the latch with a screen to prevent his escape.

In addition to performing acts of extraordinary intelligence, Black Frank does most of the common tricks performed by trick horses.

Don't Let Problems Worry.

Of course life is full of problems. The only way to get any comfort is to throw them all in the wastebasket and to do the things we can see clearly in daylight.

PROF. R. M. SHIPP MAKES ADDRESS

Speaks at Knights of Pythias' Meeting on Thursday Night.

At the meeting of the Pythian Lodge Thursday night, Prof. R. M. Shipp made the following interesting address:

Chancellor Commander and Brother Knights:

I am expected to confine my remarks to a period of time not to exceed six hundred lunar seconds. It is difficult to do justice to any subject when the time limit is ten minutes.

A Text.

To entertain or to instruct a subject or text may be essential but the subject matter is the all important something.

Recently when trying to select a subject as the basis of my remarks, on this occasion, I opened an encyclopedia and whilst turning its pages my attention was attracted by the word "green" possibly because of my own greenness. Near the word green, I saw the word Greely. I then read three or four lines concerning Adolphus W. Greely, who in 1881, undertook to conduct an expedition into the Arctic regions.

A Pythian in the Arctic Regions.

I desire briefly to tell the story of one of the most loyal Pythians of whom I ever read or heard and brother Knights, I believe that tonight we should honor his name, for he is worthy of all honor.

The Story.

Greely began his Arctic voyage in 1881 and for a few months he heard much of his progress and then came many months with no news from him. In 1884, Commander Schley—Schley who during the Spanish-American war became one of our greatest naval heroes—volunteered to go to the relief of Greely and his companions. Greely and six others, emaciated and with tents blown down, were rescued by the relief party. Greely when found was reading an Episcopalian prayer book.

Sergeant Wm. H. Cross a K. of P.

Sergeant Wm. H. Cross a K. of P., perished during the Greely expedition but his diary was found and sent to his widow. In this diary we read: "Sunday, May 13, 1883. Worked all forenoon, making a K. of P. flag." "Wednesday, May 16, 1883. At 5 p. m. went to an island to take high tide readings. Sergeant Lynn accompanied me. I took my K. of P. flag with me. When I arrived at the island, I found Lieutenant Hisingbury there.

Climbed An Iceberg.

We all climbed up a large iceberg, and I unfolded my flag, and Lieutenant Hisingbury fired a salute from his rifle.

Brother Knights do you see the picture? The Arctic regions, the earth clothed in everlasting snow, the thermometer registering 50 degrees or 60 degrees below zero, here and there an Arctic fox, in the far distance a polar bear, a bird flying overhead, towering icebergs, and three men, one carrying a K. of P. flag climbing a large iceberg and planting that flag that is so dear to each of us on the highest crest of the iceberg?

Do you see Sergeant Cross cutting and stitching that flag? Do you realize that on that Sunday morning Sergeant Cross whilst thinking of wife and friends, also thought of his Pythian vows?

Will you permit me to read a poem commemorating the incident I have described? I do not know the author of the poem.

The Pythian Flag Up North.

Far in the ice bound regions, up in the silent North

Many, ah, many a league away, their love for the flag shone forth. Lovingly one had finished it, on a Sunday morning blest, Deeming his task devotion—not a sin—on this day of rest.

And he stitched, and pieced, and dreamed there, in the scanty Arctic sun,

And he saw his home and loved ones, while his work was being done. He saw still more—the castle, the hall all dimly lit,

And the sons of Modern Knighthood, to whom his soul was knit.

Lovingly he stitched there, and planned and worked away. Till the blue and the red and the yellow together were made to stay. Such a flag—such a Pythian banner! 'twas the grandest that ever waved!

We would give a hundred others for this had it been saved.

There at the island gathered, far from the camp were they, There up the iceberg clambered to its

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY.

Mrs. Wm. H. Boswell and daughter, Miss Joe Smith Boswell, are now permanently located, in Lexington. Mrs. Boswell has leased the old Woolley home on High street and it has been made as attractive as possible for her. Mrs. Boswell and Miss Boswell have been living in Winchester for a number of years and their many friends here greatly regret their departure. Miss Boswell is a very beautiful and attractive woman and will be greatly missed in Winchester society.

Mr. William Fleming of Louisville, will visit Winchester to attend the young ladies' dance given on February 22.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins have issued invitations to a handsome reception to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their marriage on the 27th of February, hours from 7 to 10.

Mrs. Rufus Lisle is the guest of Mrs. Charles Maurer, of Lexington, for a visit of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Price, of Paris, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Bloomfield, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Haggard have returned from New York.

Women Indorse Child Bureau.

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—Among the most important matters passed upon at the session of the National Congress of Mothers was the adoption of a resolution approving bills before congress suggested by President Roosevelt, providing for a children's bureau in the federal department of commerce and labor. Both houses of congress were advised by telegraph of the indorsement thus given.

Schoolchildren In Panic.

Baltimore, Feb. 20.—A gas explosion at public school No. 22 caused a fire and panic. Hundreds of pupils in the building made a rush for the exits. A number of pupils jumped from windows and several were injured.

Packer Bruised In Accident.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Edward Morris, president of Morris & Co., packers, is suffering from cuts and bruises received in a collision with a heavy wagon while driving home in a light vehicle. His injuries are not serious.

highest summit gray: There to the breeze was the banner, in all its glory, thrown; There in the ice they planted it, the highest north e'er known.

And a rifle broke the silence of the awful region 'round

And hearty cheers rang out upon the silence all profound. 'Twas Kinsbury's weapon that spoke it out on high;

"Saluted be thou, Pythian flag, emblem that ne'er shall die!

"Though we should sink forgotten, covered with Arctic snow, Killed by the cruel hunger, such as few immortals know,

Thou shalt wave on in thy glory, in every land and clime, Proclaiming to every nation thy lessons three sublime.

"Thou shalt wave on in thy glory, under the Red, White and Blue, With love for our common country, with love for her manhood true!"

Thus spoke the lieutenant's rifle, thus cheered the little band,

Thus was the banner planted in yonder Arctic land.

MRS. VANARSDALE TO BE BURIED SATURDAY

Body Brought Back From Oklahoma to Rest Beneath Native Sod.

MT. STERLING, Ky., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Edna Vanarsdale died at Edmore, Oklahoma, a few days ago after a long illness. The body was brought to this city yesterday accompanied by her husband, Mr. Lee Vanarsdale, and son-in-law Dr. Stone and was taken to the home of Mrs. Nannie R. Judy, where it will remain during the night and on Saturday will be taken to Bethel, Bath county, Mrs. Vanarsdale's old home, where the burial will be made. Mrs. Vanarsdale, before her marriage was a Miss Judy and was widely known and highly connected. She was about 56 years old. Besides her husband she is survived by three children.

Good Sale of Personality.

At the sale of the personal property of Mr. I. N. Birch the following prices are reported by Auctioneer W. M. Cravens: Pair of 4-year-old mules, \$362; black family horse, \$126; milk cow, \$45.50; seven heifers brought from \$13 to \$33 each; two brood sows, \$12.50 per head; corn, \$3.25 per barrel in the crib; timothy hay brought \$7.50 per ton in the stack; farm implements and household goods brought high prices. The sale was attended by a large crowd. Mr. Burch and family will leave on Monday for Rushville, Ind., where they will reside in the future.

Sheriff Prewitt Executes New Bond.

Cliff R. Prewitt, Sheriff of Montgomery county, has executed new bond, which has been approved by the County Judge and accepted. The bond is for \$60,000 and is signed by Mr. Clifton Prewitt, Dan J. Prewitt, Allen Prewitt, Henry R. Prewitt, etc. Sheriff Prewitt has made a fine record in office and has given satisfaction to the public.

Buys Fine Stock Here.

Messrs Ragan and Dixon, of Tennessee, were here this week buying horses. They secured a number of Chief and Squirrel horses from R. B. Young and others at high prices. There gentlemen also purchased of R. C. Lloyd a fancy black 2-year-old colt by Highland Gay for \$500. This colt is one of the finest in the country. They also secured a very handsome sorrel mare from Hank K. Gorrue for \$350.

TRY A NEWS' WANT ADVERTISEMENT.

Bulgarian Independence Recognized.

Sofia, Feb. 20.—It is reported in well informed quarters here that Russia, France and Great Britain have notified their recognition of the independence of Bulgaria, announced at Tarnovo October 5, 1908, and the rank of king since then assumed by Prince Ferdinand, the ruler of the country. The difficulties in the way of Ferdinand's attending the funeral of Grand Duke Vladimir in St. Petersburg, will thus be removed. Ferdinand is at present in Vienna and he has expressed the wish to attend the burial of the late grand duke, with whom he held a close friendship for many years.

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LOST.—Black silk scarf found on Maple street some little time ago. Owner can have same by paying for this advertisement and calling on Mr. A. H. Simpson. 2-1-tf.

FOR SALE.—Coal at 21 North Main street. You will be pleased with both quality and price. 1-19-1mo.

FOR SALE.—Grocery and meat shop, paying business. Terms reasonable. Address W. A. B. this office. 1-14-tf.

WANTED.—To take orders for making cakes, beaten biscuit, rolls, timbales and rosettes. MISS LUCY COLEMAN BROWNING, 218 College street. Home 'phone 654. 1-12-1mo.

FOR SALE.—Cheap, graphophone, and about 30 records, also large Morning Glory horn. Address N. R. B. this office. 1-9-tf.

WANTED.—To buy furs, scrap iron, and all kinds of metal. Best buyer in town. Chas. Zigman, Main and Washington. 1-19-1mo.

FOUND.—Coral pin on Main street. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for advertisement. 1-25-tf.

WANTED.—Sewing at home or in families. MRS. HADDEN, 21 Taylor avenue. 2-15-1mo.

FOR SALE.—House and lot for sale on West Broadway, five rooms, good cistern. LEE J. W. DECK. 2-13-6t.

FOR RENT.—Four rooms for rent. Apply Miss Carrie N. Wills, N. Maple street. 2-12-6t.

WANTED.—To buy clean rags. Apply at The News' office. 2-17-tf.

FOR RENT.—A flat of four rooms with bath, gas and water. DR. GLENMORE COMBS. 2-17-tf.

WIRE FENCE.—I still build all kinds of wire fence. It is in the market for same wire or telephone me for prices. JOHN A. TANNER, Winn avenue. Home 'phone 541. 2-16-tf.

FOUND.—In front of Brown-Proctoria a brown belt with gold buckle. Can have same by calling at News' office and paying for advertisement. 3-16-tf.

FOR RENT.—Two houses. N. T. TAYLOR. 2-17-tf.

FOR SALE.—Old papers for sale at this office. 2-16-tf.

FOR SALE.—Solid cherry side board and a folding bed and dresser combined. MRS. F. H. DUDLEY, 228 S. Highland street. 2-20-3t.

WANTED.—At once, nicely furnished room and good board by man and wife. Address or 'phone V. W. Brown, care News' office. 2-20-1t.

Portuguese Proverb.
There is never wanting a dog to bark at you.